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This is the eightieth issue of the Faith and Community-Based Loop (FCB Loop). The FCB Loop is a listserv that sends out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to Nakia.Kyler@ServeAlabama.gov to be published in the FCB Loop.

Please Note: The headings of new additions to the Loop are italicized and in red.

Conferences, Trainings, Seminars and Workshops

- **2009 Children's Policy Council Regional Conference**

The Alabama Department of Children's Affairs and VOICES for Alabama's Children will co-host the 2009 Children's Policy Council Regional Conferences beginning March 13 and continuing through April 16, 2009 at six different locations throughout the state. The locations, dates, and registration deadlines are listed on the website. For more information please visit the website www.alavoices.org If you have any Questions?? Contact: Dr. Susan McKim, DCA 334-223-0502 or susan.mckim@dca.alabama.gov

- **Grant seeking During A Recession: How To Broaden Your Grant**

How do you broaden your grant support during a recession? This webinar discusses how to establish an aggressive grantseeking program that can help you weather economic downturns. Find out what you can expect from

grantmakers in the next year or two, and how to position your organization to take advantage of the current economic climate. Learn a step-by-step grantseeking process to help you secure the grant awards your organization needs to survive and grow. This webinar will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The registration fee is \$89 per person. Visit the website listed below to register.

<http://www.grantstation.com/partners/webinarapril3.html>

- **Alabama Marriage and Family**

The Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative (ACHMI) is made up of people who have a passion and expertise for helping families thrive. ACHMI is funded by a 5-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Family Assistance. It is a partnership between Auburn University, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama, a consortium of state agencies and organizations, and eleven Family Resource Centers, two Mental Health Centers, and a growing number of other individuals and community-based organizations who have joined together to provide programs and services to support the development and maintenance of healthy relationships and stable marriages throughout Alabama. The ACHMI has Workshops that can be viewed online at this address:

<http://www.alabamamarriage.org/workshops.php>

- **2009 NRCA Summit—"Extreme Makeover"**

We are proud to announce Mr. Reynold Levy, President of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City, has been secured as Luncheon Keynote Speaker for Thursday, March 26. Mr. Levy will be speaking on fund development in difficult economic times. The 2009 NRCA Summit will be located at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center (Birmingham). Early Bird Summit Fees: \$195/Members and \$390/Nonmembers (SAVE \$) before 3/13; Summit Fees beginning 3/14: \$235/Members and \$470 Nonmembers (Registration fee includes all materials, breakfast and lunch) Please visit our website to register today!

<http://www.nrca.info/training/summit.asp>

General Information

- **Ready Alabama on YouTube**

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security announce that the Public Service Announcements from the Ready Alabama Campaign can now be seen on www.youtube.com/readyalabama.

- **Leadership Recruiting Services for Nonprofits**

Bridgestar, an initiative of the Bridgespan Group, is a nonprofit organization providing recruiting services, content, and tools designed to

help organizations build strong leadership teams and to encourage individuals to pursue career paths as nonprofit leaders. Bridgestar was founded on the premise that mission-focused nonprofit organizations have greater opportunity to achieve breakthrough results when they attract, assemble, and nurture strong board and senior leadership teams. Visit the website listed below for details on all of Bridgestar's resources.
<https://www.bridgestar.org/>

- **Want a FREE GrantStation Membership?**

Network for Good's online fundraising service makes it quick and budget-friendly for nonprofit organizations to collect online donations with a custom, branded donation page that matches each organization's website. The first 100 nonprofits to subscribe to Network for Good's online fundraising services in 2009 will also receive a free, one-year GrantStation membership (a \$599 value). With the power of Network for Good and GrantStation, your organization can implement a cost-effective funding strategy that includes online giving, email outreach, and web-based grant research. To take advantage of this special offer, visit the website listed above. <http://info.networkforgood.org/trial/>

- **Free Grant Writing Services**

Starting in September, the Homeless Veterans Providers Technical Assistance Center of the North Carolina Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse is sponsoring a series of free workshops throughout the country. Funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Technical Assistance Center focuses its efforts on preparing non-profit organizations and faith-based agencies to apply for the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. The purpose of the GPD is "to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or appropriate supportive services, including innovative approaches to assist homeless veterans in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible." Please check the website (www.homelessvetprovidertac.net) for the workshop schedule. Only online registration is available on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to the workshops, the Technical Assistance Center offers individualized review of grant applications with feedback and suggestions.

- **White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: A Final Report to the Armies of Compassion**

The White House has released Innovations in Compassion: A Final Report to the Armies of Compassion, accessible on the [White House website](http://www.whitehouse.gov) until January 20, and at www.georgewbush.archives.gov thereafter. The report gives account of eight years of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative — particularly the tremendous results achieved for millions in need through partnerships with America's faith-based and other community organizations.

- **Partnering with Faith-Based and Community Organizations: A Guide for State and Local Officials Administering Federal Block and Formula Grant Funds**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has recently published a State Guidebook. The document is written specifically for state and local officials as a way to provide practical information on developing and enhancing partnerships with effective faith-based and community organizations. A PDF version is available at www.hhs.gov/fbci.

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The United States Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives just released the above document and the Center at The Department of Labor is pleased to pass it along to you. This document provides one more vital resource for the Faith-Based and Community Organization (FBCO) community. Previous works from both DOL as well as other federal agencies have highlighted working with the US Government, local businesses and other community organizations. The publication provides one more tool for FBCOs to use. The guide provides practical information for State and local officials, as well as tribes and tribal-serving organizations, on developing and enhancing effective partnerships with FBCOs. It is available for download on our Publications page at: <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci>.

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Breakthrough Performances—Ten Emerging Practices of Leading Intermediaries**

This guidebook compiles practices of leading intermediary nonprofits that have delivered superlative performance in support of frontline faith-based and community service organizations. The guidebook is designed to be of use to established and new intermediaries, as well as to individuals who guide private and public investment in creative solutions to community needs. In addition to highlighting a range of intermediary models proven to be successful, the guidebook demonstrates the distinctive value that intermediaries provide in addressing complex human needs. <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/Tools%20&%20Resources/Pubs/breakthrough.pdf>

- **1-800-Volunteer.org**

1-800-Volunteer.org is a national database of volunteer opportunities powered by a volunteer management system for non-profits. Those interested in volunteering can go to www.1800volunteer.org and get registered to serve. One can use the “search tool” to discover volunteer opportunities and help in their local community or across the country. This is an excellent way for one to locate a regional Volunteer Center in

Alabama or again, across the country. For more detailed information, please visit the website, www.1800volunteer.org.

- **Directory of Foundation Workforce and Economic Development Grants**

Organizations that focus on workforce development and job training are a significant asset to their communities. Many corporate and private foundations see the value in these community organizations reaching their neighbors and want to help. This new resource can help bridge the gap between funding and services for many community organizations. The *Directory of Workforce Grant Opportunities* is designed to help FBCOs navigate different funding resources that may assist them in providing workforce development and job-training services. This guide highlights funding resources that are available for FBCOs involved in workforce development, economic development, and employability training. These lists provide a detailed explanation of each grant and contact information to more easily determine eligibility. <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/DFWGO.pdf>

- **Website Connects Good People with Good Causes**

VolunteerMatch believes in the power of volunteering to enrich our lives and the world around us. The organization offers a variety of online services to support a community of nonprofit, volunteer, and business leaders committed to civic engagement. VolunteerMatch welcomes millions of visitors a year and has become the preferred Internet volunteer recruiting tool for more than 50,000 nonprofit organizations. Visit the website listed below to learn more about VolunteerMatch and its services. <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

- **Fight Hunger Initiative**

Is an effort to engage all citizens in the fight against hunger in communities across America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) created an online toolkit that offers a step-by-step guide on how to help neighbors in need, from volunteering at a food drive to planting community gardens. Secretary of Agriculture Schafer is also encouraging people to nominate an individual or organization for the Fight Hunger Initiative Award to recognize exemplary work in the fight against hunger. The toolkit includes additional resources to help you learn more about USDA food and nutrition programs. To learn more about the Fight Hunger Initiative, please visit www.usda.gov/secretary

- **Faith-Based Resources**

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service, in partnership with the Office of Justice Programs, has launched a new online resource for nongovernment community organizations—including faith-based ones—that provide victim services. To learn more about the resources available, visit <http://www.ncjrs.gov/faithbased/>

- **New Website for NGOs Launched**

The Microsoft NGO Connection website has been launched to provide nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) a place to go to learn how to use technology more effectively and to access the resources Microsoft and its partners offer. The website provides free or discounted software applications, training and certification information, and NGO discussion forums. The goal of the website is to help NGOs achieve their organizational goals more efficiently. Visit the website listed below to learn more about this new online resource.

<http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/CommunityInvestment/NGO/en/us/default.mspx>

- **Network for Good Online Fundraising Tool**

The mission of Network for Good's new online Learning Center is to provide nonprofits with free access to the best available web-based fundraising and nonprofit marketing resources. The Learning Center features hundreds of articles in six areas: Online Fundraising, Social Networking, Website 101, Email 101, Donor Database, and Nonprofit Marketing. Much of the content comes from nonprofit professionals, coaches, trainers, bloggers, and consultants who are working everyday to improve fundraising and marketing effectiveness. To review the resources offered by the Learning Center, please visit <http://www.fundraising123.org/>

- **YouTube Non-Profit Program**

Charitable organizations can now register to upload promotional footage on a new nonprofit YouTube channel. The channel, which is free to nonprofits, will also offer a donation feature available with no processing costs through Google Checkout for Nonprofits. For more information, please see www.youtube.com/nonprofits.

- **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Helping senior citizens enroll in Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan is one of the largest projects the Alabama Department of Senior Services and the Area Agencies on Aging have undertaken. Last year, the faith-based and community initiatives network assisted the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors and volunteers at the local Area Agencies on Aging in the Medicare Part D enrollment effort. ADSS is asking for your assistance again this year to ensure our state's elderly population receives proper counseling and advice. Your help is needed to guide new seniors through enrollment and assist those already on Medicare Part D in evaluating their coverage for the coming year. Your organization can help to ensure that seniors receive the counseling they need to make an informed choice.

For more information on how to volunteer or to host an event for Medicare beneficiaries and their families, email ageline@adss.alabama.gov or call 1-800-AGE-LINE.

- Data Mapping**
 Program coordinators and grant writers who want to convey their communities' needs with solid facts and visual impact can use a new online, interactive resource called DataPlace. Developed and maintained by the Fannie Mae Foundation, DataPlace is a source of demographic, economic, and housing data about communities, regions, and the nation. The DataPlace mapping tool produces colorful, thematic maps. DataPlace's chart and table builder creates bar and line charts, accompanied by data tables. <http://www.dataplace.org/>
- "Evaluation Report: Engaging Persons With Disabilities in Service"**
 Points of Light Foundation
http://pointsoflight.org/downloads/pdf/Engag_Persons_Disabilities.pdf
- "Faith-Based and Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Checklist"**
 The new checklist identifies steps faith-based and community organizations can take to prepare for a pandemic and could be helpful in other types of emergencies.
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/faithcomchecklist.html>
- Free Web Hosting for Community Groups**
 Think Host, Inc. is offering community groups free and/or discounted web hosting.
<http://www.thinkhost.com/socialchange/free-hosting.shtml>
- Kids Count Data Book**
 A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S.
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>
- "Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith and Community-Based Service Providers"**
 HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Guide for FBCOs seeking private-sector funding.
http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbci_pubs.aspx
- "A National Conversation—Friends and Family First"**
 The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid - Medicare Enrollment Toolkit
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/nationalconversation.pdf>
- Self Assessment and Learning Tool of the Accessible Congregation Campaign**
 The Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is an interfaith effort, urging national faith groups, local

congregations and seminaries to identify and remove barriers of architecture, communications, and attitudes.

<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=9&>

- **One-Stop Career Centers**

The Department of Labor has launched One-Stop Career Centers, an integrated system of local information on available jobs, skill requirements, and training provider performance. All the One-Stop services are free. To find one near you click on:

<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=&state=AL&proximity=25&search=Search>

- **Successful Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers Handbook**

This handbook is designed for community groups and faith-based organizations seeking to maximize the skills of their volunteers, expand their services to the community, and enhance their effectiveness. Although the handbook focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and mental illness, the principles described in the handbook can be applied to any field and should help organizations understand how to implement and manage a successful volunteer program.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbcipublications.html>

Grants and Funding Opportunities

***Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities are sorted into categories: Community Development and Housing, Emergency Preparedness and Response; Education and Arts; Health and Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth and Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

Community Development and Housing

- **National Clergy Renewal Program**

The National Clergy Renewal Program, a program of the Lilly Endowment, provides support to Christian congregations throughout the country whose pastors wish to take time for reflection and renewal. The program provides grants of up to \$50,000 to congregations whose pastors and parishioners, working together, produce compelling plans for an extended sabbatical time for the minister and a complementary set of activities for congregational renewal. Up to \$15,000 of the grant may be used to help the congregation fulfill pastoral duties during the pastor's absence and/or to support activities that enable the congregation as a whole to be renewed in its ministry. Christian congregations whose ordained pastors have a Master of Divinity degree from an accredited

theological school are eligible to apply. Congregations in any of 49 states may apply. (The Endowment administers a separate program for Indiana congregations.) The application deadline is May 14, 2009. Visit the website listed below to download the program's guidelines.
<http://www.clergyrenewal.org/>

- **Assist Domestic Violence Survivors**

The Allstate Foundation Education and Job Training Fund, established by the Foundation in partnership with National Network to End Domestic Violence, provides small grants to survivors of domestic violence to help them achieve their educational and job related goals. Eligible expenses include books and tuition for school, job skills training, temporary child care, public transportation, etc. Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply; however, the application must be completed by a local domestic violence program or coalition to be accepted. Applications may be submitted at any time. Details about the program are available on the National Network to End Domestic Violence website.

<http://www.nnedvfund.org/projects/allstatefoundtion/ejtf.html>

- **AARP Seeks to Fund Women Scholar**

Do you know any women age 40+ who are back to school seeking new job skills, training, and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families? The AARP Foundation will award up to 100 scholarships to eligible individuals with moderate to lower incomes and limited financial resources. See criteria and refer candidates to apply through March 31. To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants must be: Women. Age 40 or over by March 31, 2009 Able to demonstrate financial need Enrolled in an accredited school or technical program within 6 months of the scholarship award date. For more information, visit <http://www.aarpfoundationwlc.org/>

- **Blue Moon Fund**

The blue moon fund seeks to improve the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia that have developed innovative approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Support is provided in the following three initiative areas: Rethinking Consumption and Energy is aimed at developing environmentally-friendly, efficient, and economically competitive transportation and energy choices worldwide. Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems promotes new economic and cultural approaches to reducing resource pressure and preserving biodiversity. Reenergizing Urban Communities is based on the belief that underpinning vibrant cities is their capacity to self-organize in ways that maximize the economic, cultural, environmental, and spiritual benefits of urban life. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year;

proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the blue moon fund website to take the required online eligibility test. <http://www.blumoonfund.org/>

- **Bank of America: Neighborhood Excellence Initiative**

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, Bank of America's signature philanthropic program, recognizes nonprofit organizations and individuals working to improve their communities. The focus is on areas such as education, community development and/or neighborhood preservation, arts and culture, and health and human services. The Initiative's Neighborhood Builders category provides grants of \$200,000 each to two nonprofit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods in each of the Bank's [45 markets](#). The Local Heroes category provides grants of \$5,000 each to nonprofit organizations selected by each of five recognized individuals in the targeted markets. Applications and nominations must be submitted online by June 30, 2009; early submission is encouraged. Guidelines for both categories are available on the Bank of America website listed below.

http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell

- **Department of Justice: Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program**

The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) (www.ovw.usdoj.gov) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program (Supervised Visitation Program) . This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by providing an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy09-safe-havens-solicitation.pdf>

- **Household Water Well System Grants**

USDA Rural Development is making available Household Water Well System Grant program, a program that provides financial assistance through non-profit organizations to rural residents in order to drill water wells. Grants may be made available to qualified non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for household water wells. USDA does *not* provide funds directly to property owners under this program. Non-profit organizations must use the grants to make loans to individual homeowners to construct or upgrade household water well systems. The non-profit groups must contribute at least 10 percent of the grant request to capitalize the loan fund.

Applications must be received by May 31, 2009. Call (202) 720-9583 to request paper copies of application guides and materials, and the

published Notice and application guide may be obtained electronically through <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/>. For additional information, see the November 20 Federal Register, page 70315, <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-27586.pdf>.

- **Services for Disabled Children Supported**

The Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that are dedicated to providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses, or chronic disabilities. Preference is given to small organizations that might not otherwise be helped. Grants support new ideas and approaches to providing services as well as equipment purchases. Requests are accepted from January 1 through August 31, annually. Please see <http://www.iwpf.org/> for more information.

- **Christian Values Network**

Christian Values Network was created to help individuals financially support their chosen ministry, church, or charity. [CVN](#) has over 125 shopping partnerships with leading online retailers offering Everyday, and, Christian products. When you purchase through this [CVN](#) community of online shopping partners – "To Buy Is To Give"™ -- [CVN](#) will typically give between 3% and 7% of your purchase to your chosen ministry, church, or charity. This means your ministry, church, or charity will be receiving 50% of CVN's net revenue. There is never a charge for your ministry, church, or charity to join the [CVN](#) program. It is also FREE for their constituents to become CVN Members. We cordially invite you to take advantage of the FREE CVN Membership, and begin helping to financially support your ministry, church, or charity. Please go to www.cvn.org for more details.

- **Grants Encourage Citizen Engagement**

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. The Fund seeks to further its mission through fundamental public policy and systemic change. Proposals are reviewed in the following program areas: natural resources, women's human rights, and media. The Fund supports activities at the global and national level, and will also consider significant local or regional initiatives offering the potential to leverage broader national or global impact.

Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to <http://www.wgf.org/>.

- **Breaking Down Divisions**

The Mix It Up Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, provides \$500 grants to youth-directed activist

projects that focus on identifying, crossing, and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Funded projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries — different youth groups, clubs, or community groups working together. Ideally, the project should be created and implemented by youth; however, various adults and community volunteers should also be invited to participate.

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information, please see

<http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>.

- **Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy's Kennel Pals Pet Program**

Support local domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and educational pet programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Priority is given to communities where Build-A-Bear Workshop has several stores. Grants are generally provided for specific programs; matching and challenge grant requests are also considered.

Grants will generally range from \$2,500 to \$50,000

Requests are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed quarterly

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/bkp.aspx>

- **Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants**

Green Communities offers Charrette Grants for up to \$5,000 to assist housing developers with integrating green building systems in their developments and engage in a serious discussion of green design possibilities. Enterprise will award planning grants to affordable housing developers to coordinate green charrettes. A Green Communities Charrette is a working session that will bring together a diverse group of housing development professionals, as well as funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/charrette.aspx>
[tiesonline.org/Charrettes.aspx](http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/Charrettes.aspx)

- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**

Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.

Limit of \$5,000 per application

Rolling applications

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>

- **Innovative National and International Programs Supported**

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. The goals of the Foundation are to strengthen democratic

values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans through three major program areas: Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity, and Freedom. Support is generally directed to activities that are likely to have wide effect rather than local programs with limited scope. Letters of inquiry are considered throughout the year

<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>

- **International Paper Company Foundation**

Grants will support programs in the areas of education, employee involvement, and community development. Education grants focus on career development for minorities, environmental education, and literacy. Employee-involvement grants support nonprofit organizations at which International Paper Company employees volunteer. Community development grants provide seed money for new projects that benefit communities where the company has operations.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis

http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/A_IP%20Foundation/index.html

- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.

15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million

Applications are submitted on a rolling basis

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>

- **State Farm: Strong Neighborhoods, Community Development Grant**

Supports nonprofit organizations' programs that: 1) Make housing affordable

Promote first-time homeownership; 2) Eliminate barriers to

homeownership; 3) Educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation, and homeownership 4) Foster sustainable communities; and 5)

Rehabilitate neighborhoods or communities. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis <http://www.statefarm.com/foundation/cogrants.htm>

- **Support for Environmental Programs**

The Waste Management Charitable Giving Program is committed to making company communities safer, cleaner, and better places to live and work. One of the primary focus areas of the Charitable Giving Program is the environment. The company is committed to helping provide renewable resources to reduce our nation's dependence on fossil fuels, and to conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment. Support is also provided to environmental

education programs, including environmental. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis.

<http://www.wm.com/WM/community/Giving.asp>

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- **Homeland Security: Fire Prevention and Safety Grants**

A program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants are available: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S), and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). This Website provides a description of the three types of grants available and offers resources to help fire departments prepare and submit grant requests.

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

- **Seed Money for Fire Control Efforts Worldwide**

The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program offers seed money to fire departments and related international, national, state, regional, and local organizations for a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs. Examples of funded projects include: preventive juvenile fire-setter programs, continuing education courses, digital and specialized cameras, and community outreach initiatives and workshops.

Requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed quarterly.

Please go to <http://www.fmglobal.com/page.aspx?id=01060200>.

- **Seed Grants for Community Message System**

Community Voice Mail (CVM) provides free, 24-hour nationwide voice mail to people in crisis and transition – connecting them to jobs, housing, safe communication, and much more. In 39 cities throughout the U.S., CVM sites are hosted by one main social or health service agency which is responsible for funding and managing the CVM service for the whole city/community. Through a grant from the Cisco Systems Foundation, CVM is making multiple \$20,000 seed grants available to local agencies willing to “host” CVM for the whole community (for cities or MSA’s with population of 300,000 and greater). Applications will be accepted through the remaining months of 2007 and into 2008. A copy of the Request for Proposals is [available here](#). For additional information, contact Anna Landa at alanda@cvm.org.

Education and Arts

- **Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program**

The Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program recognizes outstanding teaching and instructional creativity in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States that serve economically disadvantaged students. Innovation Grants, averaging \$2,500, are awarded to individual teachers for projects that engage students in school using either experimental or traditional strategies effectively. Inspiration Grants of up to \$10,000 are awarded to teams of teachers to support scaling-up the implementation of approaches originally developed with Innovation Grants. Applicants should create and implement an educational approach that supports improved student academic achievement and/or social/emotional/behavioral interventions. Applicants must be employed by a public school where at least 50% of the school's student population is eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program. Online applications must be submitted by April 15, 2009. Visit the website listed above for program details.

<http://www.nike.com/jumpman23/features/fundamentals/overview.html>

- **Southern Poverty Law Center: Teaching Tolerance Grants**

The Teaching Tolerance Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center, offers grants to pre-K-12 educators throughout the U.S. for rigorous innovative projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations and equitable school experiences, and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service, and other aspects of tolerance education. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Southern Poverty Law Center website to download the application form.

- **Grants for K-12 Math and Science Teachers**

The Toshiba America Foundation promotes quality science and mathematics education in U.S. K-12 schools by supporting programs that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The Foundation offers the following two programs: The Program for K-6 Science and Math Education provides grants of up to \$1,000 to teachers in public or private schools in order to improve the teacher's science and math teaching units. The application deadline is October 1, annually. The Program for 7-12 Science and Math Education provides small grants of up to \$5,000 and large grants of over \$5,000 to forward-thinking science and mathematics teachers in order to engage students in positive and challenging learning experiences.

Applications for small grants may be submitted throughout the year. Large grant applications must be submitted by August 1 or February 1, annually. For more information please go to

<http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

- **Teaching Tolerance Grant Program**

The Teaching Tolerance project of the Southern Poverty Law Center offers grants for implementing tolerance and youth activism projects. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be: small scale, resourceful and student-focused, promoting acceptance of diversity, peacemaking, community service, or any other aspect of tolerance education; clearly defined, well integrated, and tailored to the specific needs and interests of particular learners and their communities; economically responsible, involving staff participation, community volunteers, and in-kind contributions wherever possible; sustainable in some way, rather than one-time-only events or activities.

Award amount of \$500 to \$2,500

There is no application deadline

<http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Health and Human Services

- **RWJF Institute Nurtures Medicaid Leaders**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Medicaid Leadership Institute is a year-long program designed to assist current Medicaid directors in cultivating the skills they need to transform their successful state programs into national models. Only one applicant will be considered from each state and all applicants must obtain and submit letters of support from their governors. Up to five individuals will be chosen from among the applicants to participate in the institute, which consists of three three-day in-person meetings throughout the year. These meetings will be dynamic and relevant to the participants' interests, as well as to topical issues at both the state and federal levels. Applications must be received through the Foundation's online grantmaking system by April 10, 2009. For additional information, visit the website provided at <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20702>

- **Grant Promotes Local Health Collaborations**

Local Funding Partnerships (LFP), a collaborative program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers, supports innovative, community-based projects throughout the United States. Through LFP, a local grantmaker proposes a funding partnership with RWJF to provide seed money for a new project that addresses the health or health care problems of people who are not reached by traditional health and social services or for whom existing services are insufficient. Projects are expected to create meaningful change by addressing health

in the context of complex social factors that impede good health for society's most vulnerable people. Programs that address access to medical care – such as the start-up of community health centers, mobile vans, dental services, or school-based health centers – also are not likely to be competitive.

LFP provides grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 per project, which must be matched dollar for dollar by local grantmakers such as community foundations, family foundations, corporate funders, etc. Brief proposals are due July 7, 2009. Visit the website listed below for program details and online application information. <http://www.lfp.org/>

- **State Implementation Grants For Integrated Community Systems For CSHCN**

The purpose of this initiative is to support statewide implementation of the HRSA component of the Presidents New Freedom Initiative to create inclusive community based systems of services for children and youth with special health care needs. Under this initiative HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau has the lead in developing and implementing a plan to achieve appropriate community based service systems, as defined by the following components family professional partnership comprehensive health care through a medical home access to adequate health insurance early and continuous screening organization of community services for easy use by families and transition to adult health care work and independence. Visit website below for more details.

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=1FCEC3EF-1879-40EA-B569-1E06C9D2EF62&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popup=>

- **Veterans Entrepreneurial Grants**

The Veterans Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting entrepreneurial success for veterans, service-disabled veterans, and members of the National Guard and reserve nationwide. The Veterans Corporation's Development Grant Program supports educational and outreach organizations that address the entrepreneurial needs of veterans. The focus is on supporting programs for veterans who are starting or growing a small business or preparing a business for deployment. Grants up to \$50,000 RFP accepted throughout the year. http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/guidelines_forms.html

- **Grants for Meeting Basic Human Needs**

The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic

human needs. Organizations are also supported that link their community and local work to other efforts to effect broader public policy change. The Foundation's funding priorities include community development, criminal justice, environment, health, human rights and global security, reproductive and sexual health, and youth. Strong emphasis is given to organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach. While most grants are made to organizations in the United States, the Foundation does provide limited support to organizations in other countries.

Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx>

- **Grants Provide Help for the Disadvantaged**

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People focuses its efforts on the empowerment of oppressed and disadvantaged people in the United States who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty and injustice. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. The emphasis is on funding local projects; regional, statewide, or national projects are not supported. Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>

- **Support for Companion Animal Programs**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to support and promote community groups throughout the U.S. that help better the lives of our animal companions, while strengthening the relationships between people and their pets. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four R's: Reduce Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Rejoice. Support is provided to local organizations that address the Foundation's priorities and that are located in communities with PETCO stores. Applying organizations should be able to enlist the support of their local stores.

Applications are accepted throughout the year and may be submitted directly to the Foundation or to the nearest PETCO store.

<http://www.petco.com/Content/Content.aspx?PC=welfareapplication&Nav=384>

- **U.S. Department of Justice: Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide funding to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support

victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Up to \$5,000

Open solicitation contingent upon fund availability

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Substance Abuse, Mental Health , Youth and Eldercare

- **Violence Prevention Programs for Youth Funded**

A Brighter Future for Children and Youth, an initiative of the United Methodist Church, supports nonprofit organizations that address the needs of children and young people age 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse, and relationship abuse. Grants of up to \$4,000 are provided to small-scale, community, and church-based programs. Priority is given to programs that have significant involvement of women and youth at the grassroots level. Funded programs should demonstrate the ability to raise additional funds from other sources.

Grant requests must be submitted by July 1, 2009. Application guidelines and forms may be downloaded from the website listed below.

<http://hbs.gbpm-umc.org/umw/money/grants/abrighterfuture/>

- **Dollars for Change Grants**

Youth Service America's (YSA), YSA's National Youth Council (NYC) and State Farm Companies Foundation are excited to offer Dollars for Change Grants, as part of YSA's Global Youth Service Grants. YSA's NYC will select the grantees: youth ages 12-25 who will collaborate with a teacher or service-learning coordinator. Accepting applications: March - April 30, 2009. The awards are up to \$2,000, and will support high-impact, semester-long service-learning projects. The selected youth-led projects will engage a minimum of 100 young people in service, demonstrate Youth Voice and youth leadership in all aspects of the decision-making process, and address compelling issues across the United States and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick. Upon successful completion of projects and evaluations, grantees will become eligible to compete for the prestigious Harris Wofford Youth Award in 2010, and be recognized as an YSA Service Star. To learn more, download an application and grant guidelines at www.YSA.org/awards

- **Grant Promotes Active Lifestyle**

The Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards recognize high school teams that demonstrate leadership in their communities by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activities. School, amateur, community, and nonprofit affiliated teams whose members are female; enrolled in grades 9-12; and residents of the United States, its territories, or protectorates are eligible to apply. A total of 20 grants of \$2,500 each will be awarded in recognition of the outstanding efforts of teams throughout the country. The first step in the application

process is to sign up the team at the GoGirlGo! Ambassador [website](#). Final entry forms must be submitted by July 17, 2009. Complete program guidelines are available on the website <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Content/Grants-And-Scholarships/Grants/GoGirlGo-Ambassador-Team-Awards.aspx>

- **United Health Care Children's Foundation**

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses. For more information visit the website below.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=214300052

- **Funds for Alcoholism Prevention Programs Funded**

The mission of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation is to educate the public that alcoholism is a respectable, treatable disease from which people can and do recover; encourage prevention programs and activities, with an emphasis on high risk populations; and continually fight to reduce and eliminate the stigma that is associated with the disease of alcoholism. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the issues of alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of these problems in the nation's work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country also receive funds.

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to

http://www.smithersfoundation.org/index.htm?smithers_body.htm&2.

- **“Do Something” Offering 2 Weekly Grants for Young Social Entrepreneurs**

[Do Something](#) is a not-for-profit organization that works to inspire, support, and celebrate young social entrepreneurs and community activists. The organization offers two weekly grants, co-sponsored by GameStop and Plum TV. “Do Something” and [GameStop](#) are offering grants of \$500 each to young people, age 25 and younger, in the United States or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and need support to turn their idea into reality. GameStop grants are given out weekly. Do Something and [Plum TV](#) are offering grants of \$500 each to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to further the growth and success of their program. Plum TV grants are given out

weekly.

For more information, please visit: http://www.dosomething.org/grant_list

- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

The average grant amount is \$51,000

Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=grant_process

- **Herbalife Family Foundation**

The Herbalife Family Foundation provides financial assistance to nonprofit organizations around the world that are dedicated to improving the lives of children. The foundation welcomes the opportunity to consider making contributions to organizations and programs that: improve nutrition; support children and families; provide early intervention; correct problem behavior and enhance self-esteem; prevent substance abuse; prevent physical and emotional abuse; create better home environments; and promote physical and emotional health.

Proposals are accepted at any time.

<http://www.herbalifefamilyfoundation.org/?nd=home>

- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**

The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

Foundations

- **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**

The Fund for National Projects, an initiative of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, supports projects that strengthen the health of the dance, jazz, presenting, and/or theatre fields. In addition, the Fund works to improve conditions for the national community of performing artists in the targeted fields. Funded projects should engage a broad national constituency, occur once (or periodically) rather than annually, and have

the potential to significantly impact a field. Examples of eligible projects include research projects assessing the national health of arts groups or of individual artists, national convenings for specific performing arts fields (beyond traditional national annual conferences), and special projects that address unique circumstances that affect an entire field. Projects by single performing arts entities are not supported. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is May 1, 2009. Visit the website listed below for program details. <http://www.ddcf.org/page.asp?pagelid=700>

- **Rosie's For All Kids Foundations**

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping disadvantaged children and low-income families. The majority of the Foundation's grants are made through the Early Childhood Care and Education program. Priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income areas where many families struggle to find affordable, high-quality early education and care. Types of support include tuition subsidies; small renovations, supplies, and equipment upgrades; playground construction; and staff development opportunities. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Letters of intent may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed below to take the online eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

<http://www.forallkids.org/site69d7.html?module=article&pageid=56>

- **PETCO Foundation**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to raise the quality of life for pets and people who love and need them. Grants are provided to local nonprofit organizations in communities with PETCO stores throughout the United States. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four Rs: Reduce (spay/neuter programs), Rescue (adoption programs), Rehabilitate (behavior training programs), Rejoice (humane education programs). Applying organizations receive priority when they enlist their local PETCO store in recommending their programs. Requests are accepted throughout the year. Visit the PETCO website for more information about the Foundation's priorities. <http://www.petco.com/>

- **Grant Supports Secondary School Newspapers**

The Newspaper Association of America Foundation was established to advance informed and intelligent media use by all citizens, especially young people, and to encourage them to value the people's right to know and their right to a free and unfettered press. The Foundation's Student/Newspaper Partnership Grant Program provides support to collaborative proposals between middle and high schools and their local newspapers to start, relaunch, or revitalize student newspapers, whether online or in print. Schools are also encouraged to seek a university or a college as an additional partner. Applications from minority-majority, urban, and rural schools and their local newspapers are of special interest.

Each partnership may receive up to \$5,000 in Year One, plus an additional \$2,500 in Year Two.

Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2009. Visit the Foundation's website to review the funding guidelines. Please visit website for more details.

<http://www.naafoundation.org/Home/NAAFoundation/ScholasticPress/PartnershipGrants.aspx>

- **Children's Theater Foundation of America**

The Children's Theatre Foundation of America's grantmaking focus is on theatre for children and youth, the utilization of drama/theatre in education for children grades K-12, and development opportunities for theatre artists working in the area of children's theatre in the United States. The Founders Grant Program supports diverse projects of national significance, including national and international theatre festivals and research in theatre education and practice. The Aurand Harris Children's Theater Grants Program supports small and mid-sized nonprofit theatres for premieres of promising new plays for children, the establishment of special production projects for children's theatre, and performance expenses of U.S. children's theatres to participate in national or international festivals.

The application for both of these programs is April 1, 2009. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Children's Theatre Foundation of America's website. <http://www.childrenstheatrefoundation.org/>

- **Georgia-Pacific Foundation**

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports a wide range of organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates. (The [Georgia-Pacific facility directory](#) is available online.) The Foundation has identified the following key investment areas: educational efforts that empower youth and provide workers with job readiness training; community enrichment issues such as affordable housing and community safety; environmental programs that promote clean air and water, recycling, and land and resource conservation; and entrepreneurship initiatives that foster self-sufficiency and economic empowerment, especially among youth, women, and minorities.

Applications may be submitted online from January 1 through October 31, annually. Visit the Georgia Pacific website to take the Foundation's Eligibility Survey.

- **Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation**

The mission of the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation is to promote a sustainable and just social and natural system. The Foundation provides support to grassroots nonprofit organizations nationwide through the following grantmaking programs. The Foundation's Protect the Health and Environment of Communities Threatened by Toxics program supports

state and regional organizations that address toxics exposure and contamination. The Advance Environmental Justice program supports organizations that work to counter environmental degradation in low-income communities and communities of color. The Promote a Sustainable Agricultural and Food System program supports rural and urban organizations that focus on issues involving sustainable agriculture and community food security. The Ensure Quality Reproductive Health Care as a Human Right program supports organizations that advocate for public policies to safeguard reproductive freedom. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed below for details on each of the Foundation's grantmaking programs.

<http://www.noyes.org/>

- **Public Welfare Foundation**

The Public Welfare Foundation supports efforts to ensure fundamental rights and opportunities for people in need. The Foundation looks for carefully defined points where funds can make a difference in bringing about systemic changes that can improve the lives of countless people. The Foundation's 2009 funding priorities include the following issue areas. The Criminal and Juvenile Justice program seeks grantees with strategies to lower rates of incarceration and decrease prison populations. The Health Reform program fosters the development of strong systems of advocacy with expertise in health policy, organizing community and interfaith groups, and building coalitions. The Worker's Rights program supports organizations that are trying to improve the lives of working people by ensuring their basic legal rights to safe, healthy, and fair conditions at work.

Letters of inquiry must be submitted six to eight weeks before the proposal deadlines of March 23 or July 27, 2009. Detailed guidelines for each of the Foundation's programs are available on the website listed below.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/>

- **Regal Foundation**

The Regal Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Grants are provided to both local charities based in the communities the company theatres serve and to national projects that have a multiplier effect by benefiting local groups across the country. The Foundation is primarily interested in supporting organizations that benefit persons suffering economic, social, physical, or educational hardship or disadvantage, or who are otherwise in need of assistance. Examples of funded programs include food banks, children and youth services, and K-12 education. Requests may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed three times per year. Visit the company's website listed above for application guidelines and forms.

- **Actuarial Foundation**

Through its Advancing Student Achievement Mentoring Program Actuarial Foundation awards grants to schools and groups throughout the United States and Canada for programs that involve actuaries in the teaching of mathematics. The initiative brings together actuaries and educators in local classrooms (grades 4-12) with the belief that interaction with real-world mentors will boost students' interest in math. Applicants for grants will be given wide latitude in designing programs that create a "love of math" in each student. The Foundation can provide a local network of actuaries ready to participate, as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

For more information, please see <http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/>

- **Allstate Foundation**

The Allstate Foundation provides support to national programs as well as local programs in company communities throughout the United States. Proposals must address needs within one of the following three focus areas: Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity, including teaching tolerance and ending discrimination and hate crimes; Safe and Vital Communities, including youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, and teen driving safety; and Economic Empowerment, including financial education and empowerment for domestic violence victims.

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx>

- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**

The mission of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is to support efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society. The Foundation provides grants through four distinct programs. The Pathways Out of Poverty program supports national initiatives that aim to move low-income people along the road to self-sufficiency. The Civil Society program supports efforts to assist in democratic institution-building and ensure respect of rights and diversity both in the U.S. and internationally. The Environment program promotes policies that protect the diversity of selected ecosystems in North America and around the world. The Flint Area program provides support to local community organizations in the Foundation's hometown of Flint, MI. Letters of inquiry for all four grant programs are accepted at any time. Visit the website listed above for more information.

Please see www.mott.org for more details

- **CIGNA Foundation**

Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

http://www.cigna.com/about_us/community/targeted_grant.html

- **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**
 The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has prepared a toolkit to help community and organizational leaders increase awareness about the joy of foster care adoption. The kit contains sample resources that can be used to promote awareness throughout the year. The kit along with other adoption information can be ordered for free by visiting <http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.com/materials.asp> or by calling 1-800-275-3882.
- **Dominion Foundation**
 The Dominion Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the economic, physical, and social health of the communities served by Dominion's gas companies. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in five general categories: health and human services, education, culture and the arts, neighborhood and community development, and the environment.
 Grants range from \$1,000 to \$15,000
 Applications are accepted throughout the year
<http://www.dom.com/about/community/foundation/index.jsp>.
- **HelpAmerica Foundation**
 The HelpAmerica Foundation is honored to provide volunteer and financial aid to organizations which support the poor and underprivileged and needy and/or homeless Americans, including men, women, children and veterans of war. We are also proud to support the families of active military personnel called to duty.
 Awards from \$2,500 to \$7,500
 Applications are accepted year round
<http://www.helpamericafoundation.org/howtoapply/index.htm>
- **Public Welfare Foundation**
 The program supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems.
<http://www.publicwelfare.org/OurGrants>
- **The Surdna Foundation**
 The Surdna Foundation is interested in fostering entrepreneurial programs throughout the U.S. that offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems. The Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations through the following four program areas. The Community Revitalization category seeks to enhance the quality of life in urban

places, increase their ability to attract a diversity of residents and employers, and insure that urban policies promote social equity. The goals of the Environment category are to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote environmentally beneficial and equitable use of land and natural resources. The Effective Citizenry category provides support for young people to take direct action to solve problems in their schools, neighborhoods, and the larger society. The Arts Program is a national initiative focusing on arts and education. Letters of inquiry in most program areas are accepted throughout the year. For more information, please visit www.surdna.org.

Resources

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**
Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and Senior Corps.
http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp
- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**
Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.
<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>
- **Grantproposal.com**
A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.
<http://grantproposal.com/>

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GFBCI) is pleased to provide links to resources on faith-based and community initiatives. The websites listed on this page do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the GFBCI, nor is GFBCI responsible for the content of these sites. Please address any questions or concerns regarding this statement to info@ServeAlabama.gov.